

Loyola Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes: Monday, March 3rd, 2025
6:30pm - School Library
Loyola C.S.S. 4010 Sladeview Cres.



Present: Gina Renda, Mark Joseph, Melissa Marchewka,
Jennifer Miles, Shandelle Randall, Natalie
Rodrigues-Fernandes, Frances Lewis, Morena Ashbourne,
Louise Roach, Amanda Jamieson-Bain
On-line: Alana Cernjul, Nadia Dermit, Karen Chan, Atzire Perez
Student Representatives: Esther Tengue (absent)
Parent Attendees: n/a
Regrets: Jennifer Healey, Carmen Arboleya

A. Routine Matters (6:34)

- Call to Order and Attendance
 - Gina R
- Opening Prayer
 - Alana C
- Land Acknowledgement
 - Alana C
- Approval of Agenda
 - Mover - Melissa M
 - Seconder - Nadia D
- Approval of Catholic School Council Minutes (Dec 9th, 2024)
 - Mover - Jennifer M
 - Seconder - Morena A
- Business arising from the Minutes
 - N/A

B. Standing Items

- **Student Voice Update (Esther Tengue) (6:45)**
 - absent
- **Co-Chair report - Melissa M (6:52)**
 - Guest speaker last month
 - Paul Davis
 - There was good engagement from the evening
 - Good turnout

- **Treasurer's reports - Jennifer M**

- Opened: \$393.67
- Credit: \$2585.00
- Debit: \$948.94
- Closed: \$2029.73
- Ear marked \$500 for student scholarships
 - \$250 each
- Going to continue the uniform sales in the fall

- **Principal Report - Gina R (7:05)**

- Update re: Burnhamthorpe and Ridgeway crossway
 - Going to look at communicating with transportation and works
 - Paint the same "ladder marking"
 - Extending the walk signals at intersections
- Chromebook distribution (Grade 9 Students)
 - Distribution happened on this morning
 - 196 grade nines
 - not mandatory
 - They can keep it for their 4 years of secondary school
- Save the date: Grad Mass, Prom, Graduation Ceremony
 - Grad Ceremony June 26th
 - \$90 cost
 - Grad Mass 21st - 12:30pm
 - May 21st all grade 12 retreat @ Kateri Tekakwitha
 - Goal is for all grade 12 students to have a final thanksgiving Mass
- Quebec Trip October 2025?
 - Fall of 2025
 - Itinerary coming soon
 - Approx \$1300
- Yearbook Update
 - Finalizing some pieces of the book
 - We have met our 500 minimum
 - Keeping the cost at \$40
 - Finding out if there is more orders possible at an increased cost
- Math Update
 - We are focusing on our grade 9s
 - First batch of students wrote the EQAO
 - The results are in and they were worth 10% of their final mark
 - Improvement is needed

- This semester there are 10 classes after school. Math for extra skills to help with students' "long game"
 - Tuesday and Thursday after school Math help for grade 9, 10, 11s
 - OSSLT update
 - Successful rate of 87%
 - We are doing well
 - Flag policy
 - Voted on by the trustees
 - Only the following flags can be flown
 - Canada
 - Province
 - The School Board flag
 - Change to Chaplaincy
 - Starting in September 2025
 - Social Media Sites
 - "Loyola Confessions"
 - Non-authentic posts
 - Report posts as bullying and harassment
 - Send screen-shots to Gina
- **Chaplaincy Report - Alana C**
 - We are starting Lent
 - Ash Wednesday liturgy with Deacon John
 - Periods 1 and 2
 - Snow falls has made for great retreats for the grade 11s
 - Grade 10 Canadian Food for Children
 - March 18th Ordinandi youth event
 - May 7th during Catholic Ed week. - CultureFest
- **Parish Report - Louise R**
 - Totus Tuus program running over the summer
 - Rosary Apostolate in the schools

D. Information/Updates

- Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) Report
 - Maryann Mazzorato was present to field questions
 - Talked about EQAO
 - Supporting teachers with Math
 - Board approved Apps
 - The Chair of the CCCSC was mentioning about having a link to their website on the board website
 - Having multiple specialist as guest speakers

- Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Reports
 - regional meeting held on February 13th
 - Dr. Josephine Lombardi delivered an enlightening presentation on the Jubilee Year of Hope
 - emphasized the significance of hope in the Catholic faith and highlighted various ways to participate in the Jubilee Year, such as:
 - making a pilgrimage to Rome
 - visiting major Basilicas
 - Fasting and almsgiving
 - exploring local shrines
 - was truly inspirational, encouraging us all to deepen our faith and extend forgiveness to others
 - **Provincial Updates:**
 - **January Parents4Parents Press:** Check out the [January Parents4Parents Press](#) newsletter. It is full of updates on OAPCE's work, important news items within our parent communities, wonderful resources, uplifting faith messages, and interesting Catholic trivia.
 - **OAPCE Parent Survey:** OAPCE is surveying parents across the province to help advocate for parents in Catholic education and provide feedback to the Ministry of Education. Please encourage all parents in your school communities to participate and complete [the survey form](#).
 - **Save the Date:** Saturday, May 24, 2025—OAPCE Conference in Niagara Falls at St. Michael's High School—Check the OAPCE website for updates and registration information.
 - **Follow OAPCE on social media**—Instagram, Facebook, and X

E. Future Meetings (all Mondays)

- ★ Budget broadcast - shared link
- ★ May 12th

F. Adjournment

- Closing prayer
- Motion to Close - Amanda J-B
- Second - Francis L